



# IRVINGTON

## Village News

<http://www.irvingtonny.gov>  
e-mail: [office@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:office@irvingtonny.gov)



*Summer 2004*

### Dear Neighbors:

During the past few months many residents have expressed their concern for the ever growing deer population explosion. I have been asked to take a proactive role in trying to find a solution. Because I believe we must deal with the issue on a regional basis rather than as strictly a Village issue, I have been speaking to the elected officials from the surrounding communities. We all agree that we must have as much information as possible before recommending any action. We need information and your opinion on how we might deal with this complex issue. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire included in this newsletter. Cut it out and mail it to me at your earliest convenience.

As most of you know, Steve McCabe was recently appointed to the position of Administrator in the Village of Tarrytown. Steve was the administrator in Irvington for over 15 years. I know you join me in wishing Steve nothing but success in his new position. Fortunately, Deputy Administrator Don Marra was willing and excited to accept our offer to replace Steve as the new Village Administrator. We look forward to working with Don and the Village staff in the years ahead.

Congratulations to all of you for taking the time and effort to recycle properly. The Village of Irvington's Recycling Program was ranked third out of thirty-five municipalities in Westchester County for the year 2003. Irvington residents recycled 317 pounds of recycled material per person. This reflects an increase of 9.31% as compared to 2002. Thank you for your commitment and let all of us make an extra effort to make Irvington the top recycling community in Westchester County in 2004.

Finally I want to wish all of you a happy and safe summer vacation. I hope you will take advantage of our beautiful parks or consider participating in one of our many recreation programs. Visit our website at [www.irvingtonny.gov](http://www.irvingtonny.gov) for details.

*Dennis P. Flood, Mayor*



*Mayor Dennis Flood welcomes Irvington's  
New Village Administrator Don Marra*

Irvington Mayor Dennis P. Flood announced that Deputy Administrator Donald P. Marra was appointed Irvington Village Administrator, effective May 18, 2004. Mr. Marra replaces Steve McCabe who has assumed the position of Village Administrator in the Village of Tarrytown.

"I am truly honored and appreciative that Mayor Flood and the Board of Trustees are confident of my ability and recognize my dedication to the residents of Irvington" Marra said. "I have spent almost my entire working life in Irvington (twenty-eight years in the Irvington school district and almost three years with the Village) and Irvington holds a very special place in my heart."

Marra was a teacher in the Irvington School District from 1973 to 1997 and Assistant Superintendent for Business from 1997 to 2001. He was also a Trustee (1982-89) and the Mayor (1989-1997) in Dobbs Ferry for over 15 years. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley Greenway, Chairman of the Dobbs Ferry Ethics Board, and a Trustee of the Community Hospital at Dobbs Ferry.

*continued on page 2*

### ***In This Issue:***

- Donald P. Marra - New Village Administrator
- Police Department - Free Gunlocks
- Grant News
- Independence Day Celebration
- DPW News
- Irvington Fire Department - Fire Horn
- At The Library
- Theater News
- Irvington Recreation & Parks
- Deer Questionnaire - *Please Return*

## Don Marra Appointed New Village Administrator

continued from page 1

As Deputy Administrator, Marra was involved in many issues including, constituent problems, grant writing, insurance, risk management, traffic and pedestrian safety, personnel, cable TV, storm water management, newsletter development, community advisory board, village hall renovation, etc.

Mayor Flood stated, "The Village is very fortunate that Don Marra is available to assume the position of Village Administrator during this critical time. Don is well known and respected in the community and we are very pleased that he will continue his proven record of leadership, knowledge, professionalism, and a proven commitment to the residents of our great village."

## Police Department

### **FREE GUNLOCKS:**

The Police Department is offering **free gunlocks** to all village residents. The gunlocks have been made available to our department through "PROJECT CHILDSAFE", a nationwide program managed by The National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded by a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Their goal is to help ensure safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage, and to prevent needless accidents, especially among children. The cable-style gunlock can be used on both handguns and rifles.

Initial requests will be limited to three (3) locks per person. Interested people should contact P.O. Carelli or Lt. Cerone at 591-8080 to arrange for their pick up.

### **HELMET SAFETY:**

With the summer months, outdoor activities such as bicycle riding, skateboarding, and rollerblading gain in popularity. In Irvington, the Village Code requires the **wearing of a helmet by persons of all ages** for any of these activities. More importantly, the use of a helmet reduces the possibility or the severity of injury, if a fall occurs. Parents are urged to require that their children wear a helmet, and in addition, set a positive example by wearing one themselves.

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD NEEDED:**

The Police Department is seeking applicants for a crossing guard position during the 2004-2005 school year. Interested persons should contact Chief Grieco or Lt. Cerone at 591-8080 for further information.

## Are you wondering what illegal dumping of brush looks like?



The Department of Public Works suspects that some of the brush and yard waste that it collects from within the Village is, in fact "imported" by landscapers who work with clients in other communities. In many communities landscapers must pay to dispose of the brush and yard waste they collect. In order to avoid these costs they transport the debris from another town and dump it in Irvington while servicing their clients in our Village. This is illegal. Irvington taxpayers are paying for other communities recycling programs. If you witness this type of activity on our streets please try to record the license plate or truck markings and call the Police at 591-8080.



## Grants News

The Village of Irvington has received notification that our grant request for funding from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation was approved. Our project qualifies to receive up to 75% of costs up to **\$90,000**. The project will replace existing 4-inch water supply mains with 8-inch cast iron mains on North Dearman Street, South Dearman Street, and Aqueduct Lane. Existing mains were installed in the early 1900s and are not cement-lined. Lines are occluded with mineral buildup causing inadequate flow



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Sponsored by

**SUNNYSIDE FEDERAL and THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON**

*Featuring a Spectacular Fireworks Display*

*Sunday, July 4, 2004 (Rain Date July 5, 2004) - In Matthiessen Park*

The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. with Live Bands On Stage

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Wall Street Band, and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Total Soul

Other attractions include - strolling minstrels - costumed characters - food tent

**COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!**





## Irvington Volunteer Fire Department



### FIRE HORN

The Department of Public Works is expanding our Recycling Program. We are now composting **all** of the garden debris, yard waste, grass clippings, small branches etc. that we pick up along with the leaves in the Fall Leaf Season. In order for the DPW to expand this program efficiently and successfully, we ask that all residents follow the rules and regulations regarding this material. They are posted on the reverse side of the Sanitation Schedule that is mailed to each residence in December of each year. If you did not receive one or it is misplaced, you may obtain one by calling the DPW at 591-6044 or by sending an e-mail to [gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov)

The DPW accepts yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, small branches etc. in biodegradable paper bags or tree branches no larger than 6 inches in diameter in securely tied bundles no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 50 pounds. **Plastic bags are not acceptable and will not be picked up.**

The DPW is limiting this type of pick-up to 2 days a week. On Mondays we will pick the North side of the Village and Tuesdays the South side with Main Street as the dividing line. As this new program is in its infancy, please be patient. If we miss your pick-up please call 591-6044 and leave a message and your address and we will pick it up as soon as possible.

We have received numerous phone calls on how to dispose of paint. The paint cans should be opened and filled with kitty litter. Allow sufficient time for the kitty litter to soak up the paint and dry, leave the lid off, and deposit curbside.

Recycling Reminder: Glass; metal and plastic bottles and cans (commingled) must not be placed in paper or plastic bags. Commingled recycling must be placed in a recycling bin or a suitable container such as a plastic tub or an uncovered garbage can labeled recycling. Newspapers etc. may be tied or placed in paper bags or in a recycling bin. Paper and metal may not be mixed. **Recycling that is put out in plastic bags will not be picked up.**

Styrofoam and bubble plastic packing material is not recyclable and should be disposed of with regular garbage. Please remove all such material from any cardboard boxes to be put out for recycling pick-up.

The Village of Irvington provides recycling bins free of charge to residents. If you are in need of a recycling bin or have any questions concerning the recycling program, please call 591-6044.

The Village of Irvington Department of Public Works is very proud of our Recycling Program. Of the 35 municipalities reporting their Municipal Recycling Programs to Westchester County for the year 2003, Irvington was # 3 on the list reporting 317 "Pounds-per-Person" as material (commingled & pulp) recycled. This reflects an increase of 9.31% versus 2002. With public awareness and cooperation we can look forward to increasing that percentage in the future.

A number of residents have contacted Mayor Flood and the Board of Trustees regarding the need for the fire horn located on the roof of Village Hall. They have asked the Board to consider eliminating or limiting the use of the fire horn due to the noise impact on their quality of life. The Board listened carefully and promised to look into new technology options that may be available. Of course, the Fire Department would be consulted regarding these potential options.

The Board received a response from Fire Chief James Ruffler regarding the position of the Fire Department regarding the need for the fire horn. "The fire horn is a reliable and effective means of alerting Irvington's firefighters when services are required for an emergency. While the Irvington Fire Department's primary means of notification is a low-band radio pager system, we have retained the horn due to its reliability and the belief that redundant alerting systems are essential to providing the best emergency services possible. Our primary objective is to notify and dispatch our volunteer firefighting personnel as quickly and efficiently as possible, as even the briefest delays can result in loss of life, property, or exacerbated injuries.

Despite recent upgrades by the village and county to the pager notification system, it does not provide the level of reliability that should be expected for emergency services. Any cell phone user can attest to the inevitable "dead-zones" and service disruptions on these multi-billion dollar commercial networks. The public safety radio systems, unfortunately, are significantly less sophisticated and not nearly as well funded by the State or Federal governments.

We have found over the years that redundant alerting systems enable us to provide the people of Irvington the most rapid and professional response in the event of a fire or rescue emergency. Frequently the pagers do not activate, yet our Chiefs, Lieutenants, and Firefighters respond due to the activation of the horn. As is the case with cellular telephone systems, the pagers are vulnerable to atmospheric, meteorological and geographic conditions. The entire county is filled with dead spots, which impact the performance of any and all available radio systems. This was the case in a recent kitchen fire when the pagers of the duty chief and one of the lieutenants did not work, yet these individuals heard the horn and responded immediately, effectively containing the fire to the stove. The homeowners have credited the rapid response to containing the fire and saving their home.

Then recently, we had a similar situation when a house was filled with smoke and several officers' pagers did not alert them yet they responded immediately upon hearing the horn. This is an all too common event throughout Westchester County, where most communities utilize multiple alerting systems (usually including horns, whistles, or sirens) in order to minimize the likelihood of death or injury due to delayed response times. Finally, the critical communications disruptions of September 11th have underscored the importance of redundant communication and alerting systems".

The Board of Trustees will continue to stay in contact with the fire department as new technology becomes available.



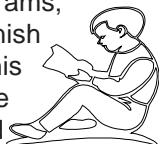
## AT THE LIBRARY

What books are you reading this summer? Would you be willing to share your opinion with your neighbors? Give us a 3-4 sentence review of a book you've read recently. We'll put it on our website, and every two weeks we'll pick a lucky winner of a gift certificate to a local book-store! Come in to the library and get started as one of our book reviewers!

The Children's Room at the library is a very busy place. In addition to regular story times, beginning with children as young as six months old, we've had movies, crafts and special Saturday story and craft programs. Our annual spring children's fair was a wonderful event. The weather was perfect and South Astor Street was filled with face-painted children riding the carousel and playing games.

Our Summer Reading Program has begun. You can stop in at the library and join our celebration of New York State.

There are music, dance and craft programs; you'll have a chance to learn some Spanish and see some movies. Also returning this year are the Fort Hill Players who will stage the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf. Come and see if he is found guilty!



28



Governor George Pataki announced the release of the Draft Greenway Trail Vision Plan on Friday, June 4, 2004 at Scenic Hudson Park At Irvington. Carmella Mantello, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Greenway, Westchester County Executive Andy Spano, and Mayor Dennis Flood joined the Governor during his announcement.

29



## IRVINGTON TOWN HALL THEATER

D Day has arrived to the Irvington Town Hall Theater. The D stands for the delivery of our new fixed orchestra seating, which will actually be installed the week of June 21, 2004. Although it is not as historic as the invasion of France, it is a real milestone in the local history of our Classic Revival Theater. Our original 1902 balcony seating will be removed at that time and shipped off to be restored to its original historic elegance with new padded bottoms. Also a new period chair has been ordered for all of our charming boxes. Both of those will appear in August in time for our fall season of events. A round of applause to all our patrons who donated to this project and to the Village for making it finally become a reality. The new seating plan will improve the sight lines and increase your seating comfort dramatically.

The Irvington Town Hall Theater may be closed during the summer months, but I think you will be very surprised at our 2004 /05 Season line-up of events being planned for your enjoyment. Things are still being finalized for our calendar of events that will be mailed out to all our patrons in September. If you wish to be on our direct mailing list and are not currently receiving our schedule, please call 591-6602, or fax 591-2111 or e-mail: [boxoffice@Irvingtontheater.com](mailto:boxoffice@Irvingtontheater.com) with your name, address and category of interest: music, theater, children or any combination of the above. If you are interested, we are also compiling an e-mail blast list for additions and changes to our season calendar after calendar printings. This list will be confidential and never sold to spammers.

I will give you a brief preview of the very special events that are in the works. In the next few weeks our web site [www.IrvingtonTheater.com](http://www.IrvingtonTheater.com) will be updated with our exciting new season. Music continues in a very big way. Mainstage Entertainment is presenting **Leon Russell** on October 8<sup>th</sup>, **Janis Ian** on April 16 and **Greg Brown** on June 11<sup>th</sup>. More about these hot artists can be found at [www.Mainstageentertainment.net](http://www.Mainstageentertainment.net). Actually there are more of these special potential bookings, that I am not yet at liberty to release to you, until they are confirmed. In addition, the **Westchester Jazz Orchestra** will be bringing us great jazz concerts on October 2nd and January 8th to round out our musical offerings.

ITHT Foundation, Inc., formerly ITHT, Inc., is planning the musical, **Anything Goes**, in November. This is their 12<sup>th</sup> musical production, directed by Michael Penta. Come and see this fun show that highlight's Cole Porter's wonderful and unforgettable songs. For a musical portrait of Cole's life, catch Kevin Kline portraying him in the movie "De-lovely", currently playing in theatres. The Foundation is also presenting **Great Ladies of the Stage**, on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan on attending some of these very special events and our other wonderful community events in the 2004/05 season. Reserve that lush new seat early!

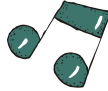
30

## CONCERTS IN THE PARKS

Shows in Matthiessen Park are 6:30 p.m. -to- 8:30 p.m.

### MATTHIESSEN PARK

Thursday, July 13th - *Island Magic*  
Reggae and Calypso



Thursday, July 22nd - *The Peter Spink Band*  
Acoustic Folk Rock

### SCENIC HUDSON PARK

6:30 p.m. -to- 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 30th - *Mark Morganelli and the Jazz All-Stars*  
Featuring Houston Person

(Part of the County wide Jazz Arts Forum Concert Series)

**NOTE:** In case of rain, performances will be in held  
in the new Community Room in  
Scenic Hudson Park



### SPECIAL EVENT Kayaking Clinic

**Saturday, July 10th - Matthiessen Park**

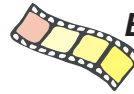
One two hour session at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. for those 13  
years of age and older. Instruction by **Mountain Valley**  
**Guides** includes boat selection, paddling strokes, equipment,  
and river safety.

Fee is \$45

Call Irvington Recreation for registration details at 591-7736

## MOVIES IN SCENIC HUDSON PARK

**Every Friday Night in July**



July 9th - *The Iron Giant*

July 16th - *Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over*

July 23rd - *Recess School's Out*

July 30th - *Peter Pan 2003*

**NOTE:** In case of rain, movies will be in held  
in the new Community Room in  
Scenic Hudson Park



### IrvingtonVillage News

Our thanks to all those who have contributed to this publication  
591-7070

**Dennis Flood, Mayor**  
591-8225

**TRUSTEES:** David Klassen - 591-5063  
Richard Livingston - 591-7770  
Isabel Milano - 591-7958  
Jonathan Siegel - 591-6228  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Edited By**  
Don Marra, Village Administrator  
Larry Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by M. F. Ruffler

Village of Irvington  
Village Hall  
Irvington, New York 10533

**PRSR STD**  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
WHITE PLAINS, NY  
PERMIT NO. 3314

ECRWSS

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER**

Irvington, New York 10533

# VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON DEER POPULATION QUESTIONNAIRE

A number of Irvington residents have expressed a concern for the deer population explosion throughout our Village. Many suggestions to help with this problem have been brought forward to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. In an effort to gather more information and opinions regarding this problem we are asking for your input. Please fill out this survey and return it at your earliest convenience.

Are you aware of deer in your neighborhood? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have deer had an effect on the members of your household? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify on a separate sheet of paper)

How many members of your household have had a deer tick bite? Give # \_\_\_\_\_

How many members of your household have been diagnosed with Lyme or any other tick-borne disease? Give # \_\_\_\_\_

Has any member of your household been in a car accident in Irvington or nearby that involved a deer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have members of your household curtailed outdoor activities (activities in Village parks, walking, gardening, etc.) because of a concern for contracting tick-borne diseases? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you see the increase in the local deer population as a problem or threat to your family or to our community? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that the deer population should be reduced? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If **yes**, what methods of controlling the deer population would you favor?

- ☐ Don't have enough information to respond.
- ☐ Trap and kill (possibly using the meat to feed the homeless).
- ☐ Tranquilize with dart; then ship/kill
- ☐ Shoot (hired rifle marksman, only with 25-50 feet of deer).
- ☐ Licensed hunting with bow and arrows.
- ☐ Other suggestions (please specify).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If we need more information, we would like to contact you; if you are agreeable, please provide:

Phone: (Circle: Home – Work – Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (Circle: Home – Work – Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Your responses will be used for the statistical purposes of the study; personal data will remain strictly confidential.

***Please return completed questionnaire to: Mayor Dennis Flood, 85 Main Street,  
Irvington, NY 10533***